

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order by Chair, Mr. Hebert, at 7:00 pm.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mr. Chris Hebert, Mr. Walter Steere, Mr. Peter Skeffington, Mrs. Anne E. Ejnes, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Keeling, Mr. Steven A. Sette, Mr. Tom Mainville, Business Manager, and Mr. Greg Piccirilli, Legal Attorney and Mr. Robert Wallace, Superintendent.

IV. AUDIT

A Representative from Bacon & Company, Cheryl Langevin, reviewed the Audit for Fiscal year 2007-2008 with the School Committee.

Mr. Steere stated that the 'management letter' covered problems like the general ledger being out of balance and not agreeing with the adopted budget, the school department's lack of internal control for computer security and not maintaining an off-site backup of the general ledger, and the lack of internal control of purchasing, disbursements, and the bidding process plus the fact that the school department had no capital asset additions or deletions, and that these problems were corrected after the transfer of the Regional Business Office to the Town's Finance Department.

Mr. Hebert thanked Tom Mainville, Jacky Dipetro and his staff for their hard work. Mr. Mainville informed the Committee after the bid process the Audit would be conducted by a new company next year.

At this time Mr. Sette made a motion seconded by Mrs. Ejnes to move Executive Session up on the Agenda. Motion passed. 6-0-0.

XXIII. Move to Executive Session per RI General Laws (42-46) Open Meeting Law

Motion by Mr. Sette seconded by Mrs. Ejnes, that the Committee recess into Executive Session per R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 at 7:07 pm to consider Collective Bargaining/Contract Negotiations/Busing contracts/Grievances/Potential Litigation. Motion passed. 6-0-0.

On a motion by Mr. Skeffington seconded by Mr. Sette the Committee voted to return to Open Session at 7:25 pm. Motion passed. 6-0-0.

Mr. Hebert informed the audience no votes were taken in Executive Session. On a motion by Mr. Sette seconded by Mrs. Ejnes to seal the minutes passed 6-0-0.

At this time Mr. Sette made a motion seconded by Mrs. Keeling to move items 18, 19, & 20 up on the agenda. Motion passed. 6-0-0.

XVIII. 2009-2010 SCHOOL CALENDAR

On a motion by Mr. Skeffington and seconded by Mrs. Keeling the School Committee voted to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for the 2009-2010 school calendar which reflects the Region's approved calendar.

XIX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Resignations/Recalls/Appointments/Leaves

On a motion by Mr. Skeffington seconded by Mrs. Ejnes the School Committee voted and accepted the Superintendent's recommendation to rescind the actions of the School Committee on January 20, 2009 and February 19, 2009 and renew the employment of the following teachers for the 2009-2010 school year:

Olivia Queenan, Susanne Greenwood, Jennifer Harris, Kate Volino, Amy Sullivan, Tina Crawley, Erin MacPhee, Lynn Benetti, Jean Aldous, Margaret Fallon-Pelletier, Deidre Jordon, Christine Meinertz, Joan Osmanski, Jill Richard, and Jason Whitford. Motion passed. 6-0-0.

On a motion by Mrs. Ejnes and seconded by Mrs. Keeling, the School Committee voted to non-renew the employment of Frances Colangelo and Maureen Tobojka for 2009-2010 school year on the Superintendent's recommendation effective June 23, 2009. Motion passed. 6-0-0.

On a motion by Mr. Skeffington and seconded by Mrs. Ejnes voted to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to appointment of Laurie Mokaba to the position of Interim-Principal at the Fogarty Memorial School for the 2009-2010 school year effective July 1, 2009 pending final certification by the Rhode Island Department of Education. Motion passed. 6-0-0.

On a motion by Mr. Sette and seconded by Mrs. Ejnes the School Committee voted on the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the resignation of Bethany Coia effective June 23, 2009 with regrets. Motion passed. 6-0-0.

On a motion by Mrs. Ejnes and seconded by Mr. Skeffington the School Committee voted on the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the parental leave request of Amy Sullivan effective May 16, 2009. Motion passed. 6-0-0.

XX. COMMUNICATIONS

Professional Development Committee Communication

V. GLOCESTER SPECIAL EDUCATION POLICY - 2ND READING

On a motion by Mrs. Ejnes seconded by Mrs. Keeling the School Committee voted to accept the second reading of this policy. Motion passed. 5-1-0.

Vote as follows:

Mr. Hebert - yes

Mr. Steere - yes

Mr. Sette - yes

Mrs. Ejnes - yes

Mrs. Keeling - yes

Mr. Skeffington - no

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Steere and seconded by Mr. Skeffington, the School Committee voted to accept the Open and Executive Minutes from February 17, 2009 and April 21, 2009. Motion passed. 5-0-0. (Mr. Sette absent for this vote)

VII. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS

On a motion by Mrs. Keeling and seconded by Mr. Steere the School Committee approved the warrant in the amount of \$381,283.89. Motion passed. 5-0-0. (Mr. Sette absent for this vote)

VIII. CRP & TITLE II

Dr. Kay Wood is in the process of working on the CRP and Title II reports.

IX. FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT

Mr. Mainville and Dr. Barnes will be meeting with bidders to see the facilities on Friday. The School Committee voted to table the RFP to June on a motion by Mr. Skeffington seconded by Mrs. Ejnes. Motion passed. 5-0-0. (Mr. Sette absent for this vote)

X. SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH COMMITTEE - FORMATION

Mr. Wallace informed the Committee that the Superintendent's position had been advertised in the Sunday Journal. On a motion by Mr. Sette and seconded by Mrs. Keeling the School Committee voted for the following assembly of persons to form a Superintendent Search Committee which will consist of one Teacher and one Non-certified individual (Teacher's Assistant), one Principal, two parents, and two School Committee members. (Mr. Hebert appointed School Committee members Mrs. Ejnes and Mr. Skeffington.) Motion passed. 6-0-0.

XI. PLAYGROUND - FOGARTY

Mr. McGovern supplied a letter to the School Committee updating them on the progress being made at the Fogarty School. At the end of the School year the Gloucester Highway Department has agreed to move a fence and put up a swing set. Mr. Steere thanked the Highway department for their help.

XII. TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE

None at this time.

XIII. 2008-2009 BUDGET

Mr. Mainville anticipates finishing the year within the budget.

XIV. 2009-2010 BUDGET

Mr. Mainville said the School Department should be okay but should any unforeseen problem arise, it will need to be studied and addressed.

XV. LIAISON WITH PTO'S

Mrs. Ejnes, liaison for the Fogarty PTO, relayed the issues of the playground which had been addressed under Communications.

Mrs. Keeling, liaison for West Glocester, was unable to make that schools PTO meeting.

XVI. ADDITIONAL SUB-COMMITTEES

Due to busy schedules no members have developed sub committees. Mr. Sette brought up the issue of communication. Accessing the local paper is a possibility. Dr. Kay Wood will write for the Foster Home Journal (FHJ).

XVII. REGIONAL / GLOCESTER MUTUAL EXPENSE ASSISTANCE

No votes were taken but many items were discussed. Mr. Sette thought the Financial Directors of each town and the Region could start to look at next year's budget as soon as July as this needs to be a longer process. Dr. Barnes relayed the region might look to move their office to the middle school. Regionalization was discussed. Reference to a State Regionalization plan was also discussed.

XXI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Food Services Contract

Regionalization

Superintendent Search Committee

Budgets - 08/09 & 09/10

Bus Contract

XXII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

XXV. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. Ejnes seconded by Mrs. Keeling the School Committee voted to adjourn at 9:20 pm. Motion passed. 6-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Helena McCullough